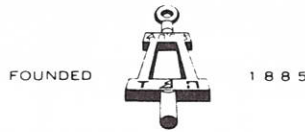


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Dear Eddie:

At the annual Convention of The Tau Beta Pi Association, the Director of Rituals sponsors a model initiation ceremony. We have scheduled this year's ceremony on Saturday, October 10, 1998, at 1:30 PM in Forum Hall. I invite you to participate reading the part of Delta who speaks on character. Please plan to arrive by 1:00 PM. We should be finished by 2:30 PM.

So that the ceremony will serve as an appropriate example of a well-run initiation, we will rehearse the full ceremony on Friday, October 9 at 2:00 PM in the Conference Room #2 in the Holiday Inn, the room reserved for the Rituals Committee. Please plan to attend for no more than an hour and a half so that each of us may read our part aloud in the proper sequence and correct any mispronunciations.

If you cannot participate on the initiation team, please call 719/783-2145 to tell me or send e-mail to Alan\_Hirsch@Alum.MIT.edu.

I enclose a current copy of your part. Please remember that the Ritual is secret. Do not show your part to other people or read it aloud with non-members of Tau Beta Pi present. Please practice reading it, marking breathing points and emphasized words, and bring your copy to our rehearsal. I will collect it after the ceremony.

Thank you very much for agreeing to show the delegates to the 1998 Convention how Tau Beta Pi members conduct a proper dignified initiation ceremony.

Cordially

Alan R. Hirsch  
Director of Rituals

# DELTA

(Character)

High scholarship alone does not assure your admission to our association. Our members must also possess exemplary character. Our philosophy of

## noblesse oblige [*noh-bles' oh-bleezh*]

means to us that, if by virtue of our intellect, we are expected to lead in scientific thought and technical progress, we are also under the obligation to demonstrate an honorable and considerate attitude toward others.

We believe that education is not truly attained until one's responsibilities to society are appreciated, and one acts in full accord with the obligations these responsibilities imply. Any student, thoughtless and scornful of others, could acquire high grades and proficiency in studies, and yet not be fully educated.

The truly professional engineer is considerate<sup>6</sup> and attractive, imparting the greatest happiness to others through knowledge, honesty, thoughtfulness, sincerity and tact. <sup>7</sup>This person dresses neatly, in good taste, and recognizes that — to paraphrase Shakespeare — while clothes do not make the man, they do proclaim him; so a stranger may be inclined in one's favor by a pleasing personal appearance, often to one's everlasting benefit.

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<sup>6</sup> The words "and attractive" may be omitted at the option of the chapter.

<sup>7</sup> This sentence beginning with "This person dresses ..." and ending with "... often to one's everlasting benefit." may be omitted, at the option of the chapter.



In the true spirit of Tau Beta Pi we recognize that personal integrity transcends in importance technical competence. The person worthy of membership in our association adheres to the same high standards in every phase of human relationships. Whatever the nature of the problem, a member of Tau Beta Pi attempts to arrive at the optimal solution, giving careful consideration to all the human and technical factors involved.<sup>8</sup>

In this sense, exemplary character is a vital attribute of those who expect to be of value to themselves, their profession, and to the world around them.<sup>9</sup>

Do you possess these desirable qualities? We believe you do, for we have invited you to join us. We believe that you are of exemplary character, and that you thus fulfill our second requirement. We also believe that you will seek improvement where you find there is need.

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<sup>8</sup> Additional comments on the exemplary character requirement may be added at this point, at the option of the chapter.

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